

The Humble

A D D R E S S Of both Houses of England PARLIAMENT,

With Her Majesties Answer to the Commons Address.

The Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal to Her Majesty.

Die Mercurii 4 Decembris 1705.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE Your Majesties most Dutiful and Obedient Subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, with Hearts full of Joy, beg leave to Congratulate Your Majesty, upon Occasion of the many great Successes obtained by Your Majesties Arms, and those of Your Allies in all places during this wonderful Year; We could not Hope for any thing more Glorious than the opening the Campaign by the ever memorable Victory gained at Rammelies, under the Command of Your Majesties Wise and Valiant General the Duke of Marlborough: And nothing could be more seasonable at the close of the Campaign, than the compleat Victory gained by the Duke of Savoy and Prince Eugene before the Walls of Turin. The Illustrious Consequences of these two Battels made it impossible for Your Enemies to disguise their Losses, and demonstrate it to the World, that never any Generals better understood how to make use of their Success; And it We Your Majesties Subjects should not do all that lies in our Power towards improving the Advantages which the Divine Providence has given to Your Majesty and Your Allies, we should shew our selves unthankful to GOD, inexcusable to Your Majesty, and manifestly wanting to our Country and the common Cause of Europe. We can not sufficiently Express the Universal Pleasure and satisfaction of Your People upon the publick Declaration which Your Majesty in concert with the States General, made to the Ministers of the other Confederat Princes, That no Negotiations of Peace should

should be entered into but in Conjunction with all the Members of the Grand Alliance. This Generous method will prevent the Indirect and Dangerous Practices of the common Enemy, will put a stop to Clandestine and Corrupt Transactions, and must not only remove all present Jealousies from the Allies, but create in them a lasting Confidence and Relyance on your Honour and Justice.

Your Majesties Example and that of the States General, ought to inspire all the other Allies with a Noble Emulation of Acting with the like Vigour. If any of them have been Failing for the time past, we Hope your Majesty will find proper means to let them see, That the only Right Amends they can make to the Cause of Liberty, is by doubling their Efforts at this important Conjuncture.

This will be the true way to obtain such a Peace as all good Men desire, which may secure to your Majesties Subjects the Protestant Succession, and all the Advantages of Trade and Commerce, may Restore the whole Monarchy of Spain to King Charles the 3d, may fix such a Barrier for the States General (in whose Security, we must alwise think, the Interest of England is Engaged) as may be to their just Satisfaction, and may procure such Terms and Conditions for all the Allies as may be Just, Safe and Honourable; such a Peace as may be durable and lasting, by Reducing effectually the exorbitant Power of a Prince, whose restless Ambition nothing could satisfy, and who has always despised the Obligations of the most Sacred Leagues and Treaties.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We cannot omit to make our most Thankful Acknowledgments of our Universal Happiness under Your Just and Mild Government, of Your True Zeal for the Safety and Honour of the Church of England, of Your Great Care for the due Administration of Justice, and Your tender Regard for the Properties and Liberties of Your People; But in a particular manner, we must own with all Gratitude Your Majesties Wisdom and Foresight, as well as your Goodness, in Your Royal Endeavours, to bring to pass an entire and compleat Union of your Two Kingdoms of England and Scotland.

May GOD Almighty make these Your Gracious Designs Successful, and may Your Majestic long Reign over Us to see the happy Fruits of them in the Safety, Tranquillity, Wealth, Honour, and Flourishing Estate of Your Majesties United People.

Her Majesties Answer to this Address you shall have per next

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the QUEEN.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament Assembled, Return your Majesty Our Humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

And with all Thankfulness to Almighty GOD, We Congratulate your Majesty upon the Signal Victory Obtained by Your Arms, and those of Your Allies, under the Command of the Duke of Marlboroug^b, at *Ramillies*: A Victory so Glorious and Great in its Consequences, and attended with such Continued Successes, through the whole Course of this Year, that no Age can Equal.

And as Your Majesty's Allies have shew'd their Firmness and good Disposition to Carry on the War with Vigour, so the Commons of *England* are Determined That no Specious Pretences of Peace shall Divert them from their Steady Resolutions of Enabling Your Majesty to Improve in All Places the Advantages of this Successful Campaign.

The Experience Your Commons have had of the prudent Administration, and the great Care and Management in the Application of the Publick Aids, Encourage Us to Assure Your Majesty, That We will Carefully give such Speedy and Effectual Supplies, as by the Continuance of GOD'S Blessing upon Your Majesty's Arms may Establish the Ballance of Power in *Europe*, by a Safe, Honourable and Lasting Peace.

We beg Leave likewise to Return Your Majesty Our Hearty Thanks for Your Promoting the Union betwixt *England* and *Scotland*; whereby Your Majesty shews Your great Concern and Tendernes, not only for the Present, but the Future Happiness of Both Kingdoms.

Her Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I Thank You heartily for this Address, and the Assurances of giving Me effectual Supplys to carry on the War, and to obtain a safe and Honourable Peace.

I am glad to find You are so well satisfied with the Application of the Publick Money. As to the matter of the Union with *Scotland*, so in all other things, I shall still be desirous to promote the present and future Happiness of my People.

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